

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

I watch KGAN, CBS2 from Cedar Rapids, IA. Recently, they have been airing very one-sided, anti-Kerry "commentary" during their news broadcasts. There is no opportunity during their programming for opposing views to be voiced. In addition to this very biased broadcasting, they are scheduled to air an anti-Kerry program. For their commentary during the local news alone, they are not serving the local community by fairly reporting "news". If they air the anti-Kerry "documentary" then they are certainly not serving the public interest and should not be allowed to use the free airwaves.